

additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2001, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 4 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of claims 1 and 4, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Amended) A low-calorie beverage composition comprising sucralose and acesulfame-K sweeteners and a blend of calcium phosphate, calcium sulfate and potassium sulfate metal salts, wherein said blend is present in an amount from about 170 to about 190 ppm.

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4. (Amended) A method of improving the taste attributes of a low-calorie beverage sweetened with sucralose and acesulfame-K sweeteners comprising the step of adding a blend of calcium phosphate, calcium sulfate and potassium sulfate metal salts to the low-calorie beverage, wherein the blend is present in an amount from about 170 to about 190 ppm.